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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. U.S. CORRESPONDENT RECEIVES VISA FOR VIENTIANE.
DAVID ANDELMAN, NYT CORRESPONDENT BASED IN BANGKOK, IS CURRENTLY IN VIENTIANE. ANDELMAN ARRIVED AUGUST 23 ON A SIX-DAY VISA WHICH IS BEING EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER WEEK. ANDELMAN WAS TAKEN BY MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS TO VISIT A COLLECTIVE FARM NEAR VIENTIANE AND HAS MET WITH SISANA SISANE, MINISTER OF INFORMATION. MEETING WITH SISANA WAS IN COMPANY WITH NORMAN PEAGRAM, FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW CORRESPONDENT FROM BANGKOK AND THREE JAPANESE CORRESPONDENTS, ONE OF WHOM IS FROM MANICHI TIMES. MEETING RESULTED AFTER GROUP OF FIVE JOURNALISTS WALKED INTO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND SAID THEY WOULD WAIT UNTIL SISANA COULD SEE THEM. ANDELMAN HAS ASKED TO VISIT THE NAM NGUM DAM, INCLUDING THE TWO PRISON ISLANDS IN THE RESERVOIR, BUT SO FAR WITHOUT SUCCESS. HE HAS ALSO PUT IN A REQUEST TO SEE SEVERAL TOP RANKING GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS, INCLUDING PARTY SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER KAYSONE. SO FAR THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE WILL BE GRANTED INTERVIEWS. ANDELMAN WAS TOLD, AS WAS NORMAN PEAGRAM LAST WEEK, THAT THE GOVERNMENT HERE WILL BE READING HIS STORIES VERY CAREFULLY TO SEE IF HE OR OTHER NYT CORRESPONDENTS WOULD BE GIVEN VISAS IN THE FUTURE. ANDELMAN TOLD THAT OBJECTIVITY WAS NOT ENOUGH, BUT THAT CORRESPONDENTS HAD TO BE "ENGAGE" AS WELL. CHARGE HOSTED LUNCH FOR ANDELMAN ON AUGUST 27.

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2. SIENG PASASON CALLED USIS THIS WEEK TO ASK FOR SEVERAL

COPIES OF RIP VAN WINKLE WHICH POST HAS TRANSLATED INTO LAO.
REQUEST SAID COPIES WERE FOR EDITOR AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF
THE PAPER'S STAFF. PAO HAS BEEN TRYING UNSUCCESSFULLY TO PAY
A CALL ON THE EDITOR FOR PAST FEW WEEKS. PERHAPS SIENG PASASON
FEELS IF THEY RECEIVE RIP VAN WINKLE, WILL SUTTER WILL UNDER-
STAND.
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